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Darling Wifie Mine:-

Just received your darling Tuesday letter which I am now answering in conjunction with your darling letter, your wonderful letter of Monday. I can assure you, love, that I can hardly describe how happy you made me with it, and how sorry I am that I became blue over the delay in your departure. By now, honey love, I've fully realized how foolish I was to feel that way when I should have known that it wasn't because you wanted it, but because you had to postpone your trip, and in that way kind of overcome my being blue. Honey love, try as I might, I can't entirely overcome my lonesomeness. To do so is impossible, for I simply crave and pine for you. Everything I do is simply done mechanically. Constantly I am thinking of the time that you will be here, for then I will have what I crave for. Your darling self, your wonderful companionship, your encouragement! Foots, I can't, simply can't, give expression of my love for you, but I am waiting, honey love, waiting until you come, when I will show you, by my acts and conduct, how I do feel towards you. Don't, for one minute think that I meant that you were satisfied to stay a week longer. I meant no such thing, for, darling mine, I know how you must be suffering because of the delay. Honey, we will take it as it comes, and now, buy your ticket as soon as you can for May 8th, and please bet, on the 10th, you will be here with me.

Foots, honey love, last night I was talking to Uncle Morris and he submitted a proposition to you which I would love for you to answer immediately. There is a little frame house, 2 stories, for rent, right near Uncle Morris. The bottom is a store and over the store are 3 rooms, without a bath. Uncle Morris wants me to take this place, keeping the store vacant, but occupying the upper story. After we get a little settled we should begin fixing up the store as for a pharmacy. To do that for about 2 or 3 months so that by Sept. or Oct. it will be all fixed up so that Mondean can come, and when she does, we will move into other quarters. Uncle Morris' object is for me to get the place and hold it until Mondean can come. He assured me he will help Mondean all he can, and I believe if I can get this place, it would mean the early arrival of the family. If you should decide you are willing to do this, it would in no way interfere my original plans of

of fitting our home. The only objection I have is the absence of the bath, but it would only be for 2 or 3 months, and then again, we can always make arrangements in having a bath put in. Then, when everything is fixed up nicely, we can tell mondear to come down with the family. All mondear will have to put in the furniture will be about $200.00 here. 3 rooms mean a small flat, but I feel sure that mondear can arrange so that they will all be comfortable. When we get ready to call for mondear, we will go out and look for a nice place together. Now, honey love, its up to you. Do you want to take the flat for 2 or 3 months until mondear comes? If so, and if I can get it for May 1st, I will take it. Don't forget, lovie dear, to let me know immediately. I believe there is a good chance for mondear to be here this fall. I am going to write mondear, too, about it, and I would like for you, darling, to speak to her about it and let me know accordingly. As a matter of fact, I'll wait, before I write mondear, until I hear from you. All I want, lovie mine, is you, and I want you here by the 10th. Toots mine, you just wait when I meet you at the depot! Oh, lord, what I won't do to you! Believe me, sweetheart, I won't cry quit!

Before I go further, love, what has Mondear done regarding that letter about her allotment of $90? I would suggest that she return it. As for yours, honey love, I can't understand how they want $219. Did you get $99 in addition to that $120 check? It is best, love, not to fool with the Government now, as I am still in the service. Let me know, honey love, what you have done. If you haven't the money to return with them you haven't the money, but that you are willing to make monthly remittances until the account is settled, and then I will pay it off. Sel? As for my boots, I forgot to write those people, but have written to-day. Just pack them any old way into a box and then their representative will call.

As you know by now, I won Uncle Morris' case. Uncle Morris was a sub-lessee, and the original lessee going into bankruptcy uncle Morris' was forfeited. I saw no way out of it until I went further in the matter and found

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that no forfeit was declared, so our theory was. You can't imagine how happy Uncle Morris is. Everybody in town was interested in it. As for me, lawyers I never knew existed came out and shook hands with me. I sure did feel big, honey love. In the midst of his glee, he made the proposition to me. Now, Toots, what do you say? I can assure you, it was some case, lasting exactly 2½ days.

Wednesday night, as you know, I was initiated into the 2nd degree in Free-masonry. Honey love, I sure wish I could describe to you how wonderful it was, but it is impossible, so you can take it from me, the Masonic Order is the most wonderful organization in the world.

Honey love, so far this week I made $8.30 even. I sure do hope I make so much before the week is over. Business is going on as usual. Getting little and big calls here and there. I am only hoping and praying that I can do, at least, good business, to tide us over the summer months. I feel confident of doing a little that will make things run smoothly. I didn't get that Notary Publicship, and don't care, either. I expect to Cristen's got any day now. I am feeling fairly well, but my stomach is still bothering. I sure did feel rotten Monday night. Everybody was going to Seder, but me. Uncle Morris didn't make any. Well, honey love, when you come, won't we have a Seder? Oh, Lovie mine, how I am yearning for my own home already. I sure was glad Louis Kuttyman came up to mon dear's after the Seder. Honey love, you are wonderful in everything you do! You have no idea how happy you have made me! Honey love, Joe Solomon is here now and he wants me to do something, so I'll have to bring this to an end. I had intended to make this a nice long letter, but

if I have time, I'll complete it to-night, if not, I'll finish it to-morrow.

So will close now, with all my love, hugs and kisses to you my darling, sweetheart wife.

Ever lovingly yours own
Shelby Joe